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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: CO-100-2006-005 CER

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER : COC44229A

PROJECT NAME: East Hiawatha Compressor Site Amendment

PLANNING UNIT: Management Unit 2, Northern Central

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T.12N., R.100W., section 15, lot 1, 6th PM, Moffat County, CO

APPLICANT: Questar Gas Management Company

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Questar Gas Management Company has filed an amendment request to place a new dehydration unit (21' X 12') next to the compressor on the existing Hiawatha Camp garage/shop location. Two 50' pipelines will serve as inlet and outlet lines connecting the proposed dehydration unit to the existing lateral.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

Name of Plan: Little Snake Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision

Date Approved: April 26, 1989

Decision Number/Page: pages 38, 39

Decision Language: The management objectives for this unit are to provide for the development of oil and gas resource. The development of other resource uses/values within this unit is allowed consistent with the management objectives for oil, gas and forest resources. Realty actions, such as rights-of-way, leases, and permits, can occur.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, Number: E. (13). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

- | Exclusion | YES | NO |
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| 1. Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety. | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, | | |

- recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands, floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. _____ X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. _____ X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. _____ X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. _____ X
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. _____ X
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. _____ X
8. Have adverse effects on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species. _____ X
9. Have the potential to violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. _____ X
10. Have the potential for a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. _____ X
11. Restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites. _____ X
12. Significantly, contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species. _____ X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Area of Responsibility</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Hal Keesling	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources	HK 2005
Hunter Seim	Rangeland Mgmt Spec	T&E Plants	HS 10/14/05
Tim Novotny	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Animals	TN 10/13/05

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance of field stipulations will be field checked every five years by the realty specialist.

REMARKS: There will be no change in the terms, conditions, and stipulations of the grant. The right-of-way is in compliance, rental is current, and the processing/monitoring fee's have been paid.

NAME OF PREPARER: /s/ Louise McMinn

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: /s/ Duane Johnson

DATE: 10/17/2005

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CER and have decided to implement the proposed action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5) as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Jerome D Strahan
for John E. Husband, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 10/24/2005